

## **California Breast and Cervical Cancer Advisory Council**

## background:

The Breast and Cervical Cancer Advisory Council is an 18-member body appointed by the Director of the California Department of Health Services (DHS) to provide advice and recommendations on the development and implementation of the Breast Cancer Early Detection Program (BCEDP). This program is being implemented pursuant to Chapters 660 and 661, Statues of 1993 (Assembly Bills 478 and 2055) and amended by Chapter 483 (Assembly Bill 3391) enacted in 1994. The Breast and Cervical Cancer Advisory Council also serves as the advisory body for the federally-funded Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program (BCCCP). This program is funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) pursuant to the Breast and Cervical Mortality Prevention Act of 1990, Public Law 101-354. An advisory body is required by CDC as a condition of the grant to DHS.

## mission:

The mission of the Council is to advise the Department of Health Services how to reduce morbidity and mortality from breast and cervical cancer among all low-income women throughout California by providing access to high quality screening, early detection, and diagnostic services and to strongly and continually advocate for a sustainable source of funding for the Breast Cancer Early Detection Program and the Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program and treatment services. Furthermore, the Council will continue to advocate for these services to all California women.

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